

Hidden Meadows Community Sponsor Group

Covering the area bordered by Escondido, 1-15, Valley Center, & Circle R

Meeting location: The Hidden Meadows Community Center 10141 Meadow Glen Way, East

Thursday, February 25, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

DRAFT MINUTES

- 1) CALL TO ORDER: Len Coultas, Chair
- 2) ROLL CALL: Quorum establishment: ALTER, BRUEMMER, COULTAS, FREY, COX, BRICK
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
- 4) MINUTES
 - a) Approval of minutes of [December 3, 2009](#). Moved, seconded, approved.
- 5) OPEN FORUM: Attendees may speak on any subject not covered by this Agenda (time limit - 3 minutes per speaker)
 - a) Rules for solar and wind energy from County of San Diego available and distributed to interested parties.
- 6) ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS/CORRESPONDENCE
 - a) Membership List: new list update available. New list will be sent to Secretary for files.
- 7) PUBLIC REVIEW / ACTION ITEMS:
 - a) Merriam Mountains Project – Position of Sponsor Group in preparation for the Board of Supervisors hearing on March 24, 2010.
 - i) Secretary read new proposed letter aloud. Bruemmer agreed with sentiment. Alter had concerns about listing failures. Concerns with geology and Indian artifacts. Style of the letter and tone a concern to Brick. Recommends change in strategy. Coultas explains and defends position, tone, and statements about DPLU. Cox feels issues are legitimate. Density is main concern. Coultas stated we've approved this letter before. Cox supports. Coultas, Cox, Bruemmer all feel strongly about wording. Alter agrees with Brick that approach should be toned down, but agrees with others that Planning Commission and Board have ignored input from Sponsor Groups to date. Frey expresses that if our objective is to influence the Board, the way this letter is written may not accomplish that. Brick stated Sponsor Group is not against the project, but is against the magnitude of the project. Project should be built at the current zoned density without changes to the general plan that allows additional density. Sponsor Group has taken a vote to oppose project as proposed. Sponsor Group discusses that previous respectful letters written to date have been ignored. Logical and reasonable approach has been ignored.
 - ii) Motion to accept letter as is. In favor: Bruemmer, Cox, Coultas; Opposed: Alter, Frey, Brick

- iii) Must modify letter here if it is to be modified. Frey reminded the Group that the Group approved a previous version of the letter (6 yes, 1 abstention). Since it was already approved, Group decided to use the other letter, as approved on December 3, 2009. That letter continues to stand. That letter will be presented at the March 24th project public hearing.

b) Verizon Wireless, P10-1003 – Jesmond Dene Wireless Telecommunications Facility

- i) Jim Kennedy, Senior Real Estate Specialist, Technology Associates International Corporation. Proposing building a new antenna at a site where an old tower already exists. Install a 50 foot faux-tree. If you are looking up slope to residential property, tower signal doesn't penetrate currently east of that area. T-Mobile coverage will improve in Jesmond Dene area. Upgrades needed to improve coverage and to meet FCC E911 compliant standards for emergency calls. Will also bring broadband coverage. Here for comments and hopefully recommendations. Site includes battery backup, not generator. Conversation about another mobile transmission site, unrelated to this project.
- ii) Cox, what type of faux tree? Would be broadleaf to mimic deciduous tree. Will match surrounding trees. Moved and seconded. Unanimous vote to accept. No audience comments.

8) INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS:

- i) Other items? Yes Frey has received a request to make Mountain Meadow road safer. Two people have been killed when cars hit concrete diverters and flipped the car. Can we ask through Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC) or DPW to get deflectors to shield diverters and/or conduct a safety study on that road? Previous study completed and not adequately addressed this issue. Ask for study along entire road regarding safety. Do we go to TAC or DPW? Could hit those diverters through no fault of driver under certain conditions. Could send letter to DPW with cc to TAC. History – TAC wanted to increase spread limit to keep radar certification, and issue of opening road to east would increase safety risk. Coultas will write letter.
- ii) Frey represents Fire Safety Council on SDGE fire safety group that discusses emergency shutoff procedures. Group has 50 or 60 issues that need to be addressed. Conflicting and complicated issues with overlap of organizations, jurisdictions and regulations. Brainstorming options that group would consider. Interesting experience, and he will keep us informed.
- iii) Joan Van Ingen:
 - (1) thanked the Sponsor Group for re-appointment to I-15 corridor.
 - (2) Shared letter from Mr. David Montrose. Formal statements contained in Merriam Mountain draft EIR posted on web site. Mr. Montrose is on Valley Center Planning Group.
 - (3) I-15 corridor group approved T-Mobile project as well.

9) ADJOURNMENT 7:53pm